

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) applauded the final United States International Trade Commission (USITC) vote which will impose antidumping and countervailing duties on Chinese Drill Pipe. The USITC today determined that a U.S. industry is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of drill pipe and drill collars from China that the U.S. Department of Commerce has determined are subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value.

**“Today’s decision is a win for our manufacturers. The Obama Administration is holding China accountable for their unfair trade practices that have made it difficult for the United States to compete in global market,”** stated Congressman Ryan. **“Keeping our manufacturing sector strong is critical for economic recovery and job growth. For every manufacturing job created, up to six spinoff jobs are added to the local and regional workforce.”**

**“We are very pleased with today’s ruling from the ITC,”** said Vicki Avril, president and CEO of TMK IPSCO, one of North America’s largest producers of energy pipe with local operations in Brookfield, Ohio.

**“This decision levels the playing field in the drill pipe industry, and in essence, enables us to continue to manufacture our product domestically. It helps secure our long-term outlook for growth, particularly our operations in Pennsylvania and Ohio, where we employ nearly 800 skilled workers. Their future, and ours, is brighter thanks to this development. We commend Congressman Ryan for his efforts to fight for fair trade practices, and thank him for supporting the U.S. manufacturing industry.”**

Last Month, the U.S. Department of Commerce issued its final determinations in the antidumping and countervailing duty investigations on imports of Chinese steel drill pipe. Additionally, the USITC held its final hearing case on the subject on which Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) provided testimony.

The USITC will notify the Department of Commerce by February 17, 2011 of its decision, and the Department of Commerce will then instruct the United States Customs and Border Protection to collect antidumping and countervailing duties on imports of these products from China.